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CONFIDENTIAL VIENTIANE 8358

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MOPS, VS, VN, LA

SUBJECT: STAFFDEL GOLDSMITH: POW/S/MIA'S

REF: VIENTIANE 8125

1. STAFFDEL GOLDSMITH AND CAPT. KNEALE DEPARTED
VIENTIANE SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9, FOR BANGKOK.

2. STAFFDEL HAD EXTENSIVE CONSULTATIONS WITH U.S.
MISSION PERSONNEL CONCERNED WITH POW/MIA MATTERS. IN
ADDITION, WE SECURED APPOINTMENT FOR HIM WITH LPF
ACTING DELEGATION CHIEF PHOUN SIPRASEUTH ON DECEMBER 1.
(FYI: PHOUN IS BELIEVED TO BE FIFTH RANKING FIGURE IN
CLANDESTINE LAO COMMUNIST PARTY.)

3. PHOUN TOLD GOLDSMITH THAT LPF DOES NOT HOLD ANY
AMERICAN PRISONERS EXCEPT EMMET KAY. HE SAID LPF HAS
BEGUN GATHERING INFORMATION ON AMERICAN POW'S/DIC'S
WHICH WOULD BE PROVIDED WITHIN FRAMEWORK OF JOINT
COMMISSION, AS REQUIRED BY PROTOCOL. HE NOTED THAT
POW/DIC QUESTION WAS ON FOUR-POINT AGENDA FOR JOINT
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COMMISSION ALONG WITH NEUTRALIZATION OF VIENTIANE AND

OTHER URGENT MATTERS. COMMISSION WAS PRESENTLY DEVISING ITS PROCEDURAL ARRANGEMENTS AND ORGANIZING ITSELF, AND IT WAS DIFFICULT TO SAY EXACTLY WHEN POW/DIC QUESTION WOULD BE ADDRESSED. LPF INTENDED TO IMPLEMENT ALL PROVISIONS OF PROTOCOL AND WOULD DO ITS BEST TO GATHER AND PROVIDE INFORMATION ON POW'S/MIA'S. SUCH INFORMATION COULD NOT BE MADE AVAILABLE BEFORE QUESTION WAS TAKEN UP BY JOINT COMMISSION.

4. STAFFDEL EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR BRIEFINGS AND OTHER ASSISTANCE PROVIDED BY EMBASSY DURING THE VISIT.
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